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CONTACT REPORT

SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARY/2, AECASSOWARY/4, and AECASSOWARY/29

1. Circumstances of Meeting: We had acquired a post office box for the Cassowaries to use in their mailing program to the USSR for return address purposes. Which needed to be serviced in phony names. The documentation and the key to the box were obtained and I delivered them for AECASSOWARY/4 as primary custodian and 29 as secondary. I explained to each of them the nature of the supplemental documentation they had been given to cover the phony name, had them read over the instructions carefully, sign the documents in the appropriate places, and sign as George and Carl on each of the instruction sheets which I have since returned to [] . Our meeting took place on 20 June in Room 1122 of the Hotel Statler in New York. Since we had to meet for this technical purpose AECASSOWARY/2 came along and after settling the document problem we talked of other things.

2. Bishop Slipyy: A/2 said that Slipyy was apparently under direct orders from the Vatican to make no comments about anything of substance to anybody for the time being. A/2's opinion is that the Vatican may be considering sending Slipyy back into the USSR if some appropriate agreement can be worked out with the Soviet government. A/2 was responsible for the sending to Slipyy of the telegram congratulating him on his arrival in Rome and inviting him to come to North America to talk to the Ukrainians here. Slipyy's answer indicated that he would be delighted to come but had been told not to. The list of requirements for Slipyy was given to A/2 for the Priest in Canada. A/2 was also told that [] had another copy of his requirements which they were to give Father Hrinokh.

3. Soviet Propaganda Received: Cassowaries brought four envelopes of Soviet propaganda which they had received at their letter box return addresses in response to the letter and literature they had mailed to members of the Soviet diplomatic

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installations in the United States. The first thing they said was that several of the addresses which they had been given were apparently wrong in that many was returned from them indicating that the addressee no longer lived there. They requested that the list of addresses be check out. This is the list they are going to send to Ann, I presume. (I think they intended to give it to me but I did not receive.) I looked over the pamphlets which were mailed back to them which included Khrushchev's reports to the 22nd Congress, the Soviet position on disarmament, a book published in Canada by a couple of Canadians glorifying the USSR and two or three similar items put out by the Cross Currents Press in New York. The return address for most of the material was the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., the return address being stamped on the envelope with a rubber stamp. I picked up one of these envelopes and brought it back to Washington because they requested that the stamp be reproduced for them. I shall give to Ann with the request that she take to TSS for reproduction. The other envelope had a return address 1609 Decatur Street, Washington, D.C. I will ask Ann to check out this address and see which Soviet lives there.

4. A/2 mentioned an article which recently appeared in the Ukrainian news a Ukrainian progressive organ put out in New York for the old Ukrainian emigration, which was remarkable uncritical of the Cassowaries group. It contrasted them with the Bondera organization and said that the Cassowaries were a much finer lot. I was told that the Ukrainian News and Beyond the Blue Ocean are the only two progressive periodicals in this country. There are several publications put out in Canada including two newspapers. Ukrainian News is apparently a very ^{un}inspired publication with limited interest among those elements of the Ukrainian emigre colony in New York who are more by tradition than anything else linked with the progressives. Beyond the Blue Ocean is aimed at the new (World War II) emigration.

5. Confusion Operation: I suggested to the Cassowaries that they might draft a letter which could be mailed to Beyond the Blue Ocean or possibly to the

Ukrainian News criticizing Soviet policy from a Chinese Communist point of view, stressing particularly the Soviet demands for the subordination of Communist Parties to Moscow direction, which the Chinese have talked about in much of their propaganda. I told A/29 that I would send him copies of the pertinent Chinese references, particularly the article on Tolstoy in which the phrase "In Response to the Baton" is so often used. He suggested that we try to insert into it an issue of Beyond the Blue Ocean a series of forged pages that when read in the Soviet Union would cause trouble for the publication. I tried to find out what many of the difficulties of trying to do so would be, but they said they would look around and see what opportunities existed and I agreed that they should do so. A/4 is going to try to find where the magazine is printed. In regard to the first proposition, they suggested that the letters appear to have been mailed from Poland or some other satellite. I agreed with this idea and told him I would look into the problems of getting the letters fixed up so that it would appear to have come from Poland when it arrives.

6. Polish Account of UPA Operations: A/2 showed me a copy of a Polish historical journal containing an extremely long and detailed account of UPA Operations in what is now Poland. He said that this was the first of a series of articles each somewhat more extensive than its predecessor covering the history of the UPA. He said that the account was amazingly detailed and accurate and that although it did refer to the UPA organization "Fascist", it admitted that the UPA worked in alliance with the Polish underground against the Germans. None of the Cassowaries seemed to be able to account for the appearance of these articles in Poland as a political maneuver. It seemed more likely that it was a question of honest scholarship and conceivably as a contribution to partisan warfare techniques. A/2 mentioned that Soviet works on the anti-partisan struggle and presumably on Soviet partisan activities against the Germans too, had been translated into Viet Namese and Korean.

7. Tsurkan and Bridge Building: We reviewed at length the implications of Tsurkan's contacts and the general Soviet policy of making approaches to Prolog and to their desire to establish some sort of institutional system whereby they can get in contact regularly with all elements of the Ukrainian emigration. While recognizing the very many difficulties and dangers involved A/2 said he believed that they should try to work out an arrangements that they should control for making contacts with the Soviets in the Ukrainian delegation at the UN. He pointed out that the Soviet would probably find some sort of mechanism anyway and therefore it was best to set one up under auspices we could have the greatest voice in. I gathered that A/29 was somewhat reluctant about the matter from some of the comments he made. However, he seemed also to be interested and agreed with A/2 that the effort would be worthwhile. I told him that I thought, if well done it certainly would be and asked him to try to draw up some plans and outlines for us as to how they would do it.

8. The Ukrainian from Poland: A/2 wrote me a series of notes on the Ukrainian from Poland who is now in New York and Ann. supplied them with his comments. He will send me the notes through Ann. His personal impressions of the man is that he is a strong characters, a reliable Ukrainian and "my choice as an excellent bodyguard." He recognized however the peculiarity of certain parts of the man's story. I told him frankly that these circumstances made me suspect whether he might not be a Soviet agent and I wanted to check it out in as great detail as I could. He ^{met} ~~wrote~~ the man under the following circumstances. The man's brother was known to A/2 from the UPA and we met A/2 in New York not too many years ago. The man said that his brother had had an interest in the experience and had written it up. After some time when by A/2 asked the brother where the material was and the brother said that he hadn't considered it worthwhile and therefore hadn't passed it on. A/2 therefore looked up the man directly and got the material which turned out to be

written in a very simple and non-literary style and not for the most part of any particular interest or use. There was however a section about life in the cold mines in Vorkuta and another about his work in a paper pulp in Lvov. Little of this material he has written in the man's own handwriting. (Along with his notes he will also send me that handwriting sample.) The man is apparently still around New York and still working as a night watchman however A/2 has not been in recent touch with him.

9. Summary of things to Send Him: I promised ~~to send~~ A/29 to send him the material from the Chinese on the Thorez and Tolgati articles. I will ask Ann to try to get ahold of copies of these from the CA/S^Taff which should have them. The two that most concern me are one of differences with Comrade Thorez and our differences with Comrade Tolgati. In addition the sample on the envelope of the rubber stamp used by the Embassy in Washington for its return address should also be made up.